of lasers installed or likely to be installed in defence hospitals; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Defence hospitals are yet to be equipped with the latest Urological equipment PCNL (Percutaneous Nephrolithotripsy) though a proposal to acquire this type of equipment was made by the concerned authorities quite some time ago, and if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Out of 155 military hospitals under the Ministry of Defence, 37 hospitals have a capacity of more than 300 beds each.

(b) Surgical lasers are installed in two Military hospitals. Presently, there is no proposal to instal laser equipment in other Defence hospitals.

(c) Military hospitals have not been equipped with PCNL equipment due to financial constraints.

कैंसर अनुसंधान केन्द्र, बम्बई द्वारा तैयार किये गये कुष्ठ रोगरोधी टीके

1340. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री पृथ्वी माझी :

क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कैंसर अनुसंधान केन्द्र, बम्बई द्वारा तैयार किए गए कुष्ठ रोग रोधी टीकों का महाराष्ट्र के शोलापुर जिले में परीक्षण किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस परीक्षण का क्या परिणाम रहा; और

(ग) कुष्ठ रोग रोधी इस टीके को कब तक वास्तविक प्रयोग में लाए जाने की सम्भावना है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे): (क) जी, हां, महाराष्ट्र के शोलापुर जिले में मानवों पर प्रतिरक्षण रोग-निरोधी/प्रतिरक्षण-चिकित्सीय प्रभावकारिता का मूल्यांकन करने के लिए भारतीय कसर अनुसंधान केन्द्र द्वारा तैयार की गई कैंडीडेट कुष्ठ वैक्सीन की जांच की जा रही है।

(ख) और (ग) इस जांच के परिणामों की प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है। इसके वास्तव में इस्तेमाल करने के प्रश्न पर क्षेत्रीय जांच के परिणामों के उपलब्ध होने के बाद निर्णय किया जाएगा।

Winding up of the Electronics Commission

1341. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to wind up the Electronics Commission as it has failed to measure up to the needs of the electronics sector; and

(b) if so, what alternative arrangements are proposed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Demonstration by the employees of the Narora Atomic Power Plant

1342. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express of January 1, 1989 stating that the employees of the Atomic Power Plant at Narora staged a demonstration against the management's move to collect Rs. 19 lakhs from them for installing a disc antenna at their colony for better reception of T V. programmes; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURSM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a)There was a demonstration staged at

the NAPP Colony by a group of about 50 residents out of a total colony population of 9000 against installing a Dish Antenna for better reception of T.V. programmes. A co-operative society formed by the residents of NAPP Colony has collected Rs. 200 per family from 700 families, totalling Rs. 1.4 lakhs, as deposit towards installing the Antenna.

(b) The Management of Narora Atomic Power Prjoect is not directly involved in the establishment of the Dish Antenna. It is being organised by the Adhoc Committee of the Society of the residents of the Project. This is essentially a co-operative venture managed by the residents of the colony.

AIDS cases noticed in the Country

1343. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of AIDS cases noticed in the country in the last three years, state-wise figures; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to prevent this increasing number of cases, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The number of AIDS cases reported upto 31st December, 1988 were 27, comprising of 18 Indians and 9 foreigners during the last three years. The break-up of 18 Indian cases (State-wise) is as under:—

States	1986	1987	1988
Maharashtra .	2	..	2
Gujarat . .	1	..	..
Andhra Pradesh	1	—	—
Jammu & Kashmir	1	..	..
Punjab . .	..	2	2
Uttar Pradesh .	..	..	1
Delhi . .	..	1	1
Pondicherry .	..	..	1
Kerala . .	..	..	1
Tamil Nadu .	..	..	1
West Bengal .	..	..	1
TOTAL .	5	3	10

(b) In order to prevent the spread of AIDS in India, the Government have planned the following activities:—

—Surveillance for detecting HIV infection.

—Testing of blood used for transfusion and ensuring safety of blood products.

—Establishment of clinics for health check up and counselling in Metropolitan cities.

—Strengthening of STC Clinics in medical Colleges/District Hospitals.

—Development of medicare facilities for treatment of AIDS patients in identified major hospitals.

—Training of medical/para medical personnel in case management.

—Intensification of health education activities as under:

—health education to increase awareness among general public;

—health education in schools and collages;

—education and counselling of high risk groups as well as persons with HIV infection.

Maharashtra Regulation of use of Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1989

1344. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Government of Maharashtra have recently passed the Maharashtra Regulation of use of Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1988;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make law under similar lines on all India basis; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons thereof?